



**THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
**Office of Audits and Investigations**

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**MEMORANDUM**

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THRU: David H. Van Dyke *DHV*  
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RE: Fiscal Impact Statement  
CR-007-2018 DR-1 Prince George's Calling for 100% Renewable Energy

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***Legislative Summary***

CR-007-2018 seeks to provide that Prince George's County Council urge the Maryland General Assembly to increase the state's renewable portfolio standard to a goal of 100% renewable energy by 2035. The renewable portfolio standard must only contain safe, clean energy generation sources and not greenhouse gas emitting sources.

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***Background***

According to Maryland's Public Service Commission, the Renewable Portfolio Standards Program was created to "recognize and develop the benefits associated with a diverse collection of renewable energy supplies". This goal is achieved through the recognition of environmental and consumer benefits associated with renewable energy.

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***Assumptions and Methodology***

We assume that there exists scientific consensus to support that human activity causing the release of greenhouse gases due to the use of fossil fuels is causing the warming of the Earth's climate. The impact of which can be far reaching and may increase the likelihood of extreme weather events and sea level rise.

***Fiscal Impact***

- Direct Impact

Adoption of CR-007-2018 should not have an adverse fiscal impact on the County.

- Indirect Impact

Adoption of CR-007-2018 may have unknown indirect economic impact on the County as a result of the positive effects of the use of 100% renewable energy.

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***Appropriated in the Current Fiscal Year Budget***

Not applicable.

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***Effective Date***

Effective on the date of adoption.

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If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please call me.